Foreword

Grapes hold a pivotal position in the horticulture development and its role as an export crop plays a crucial role in the Indian economy. This has witness from the export of about 1,93,691 MT grapes worth Rs. 2,17,687 lakhs (APEDA 2020). Grape is not only grown for table or processed purpose, but the grape seed oil extract from it has multiple uses in the cosmetic and medical industry. Increased profitability in viticulture has been achieved by increased productivity, reduced cost of production, value addition and intelligent marketing chain to tap global market. However, to remain internationally competitive and to supply quality grape to domestic consumer, a number of strategic interventions are required. Narrow genetic base of grape, weather aberrations imposing biotic and abiotic stress, post-harvest losses, poor supply/cold chain are some of the major threats which the grape industry is facing globally. A free flow of information along with a platform to interchange ideas and plan strategic research in viticulture is absolutely necessary.

To increase the visibility and sharing the advancement in viticulture Society for Advancement of Viticulture and Enology has taken a time honoured decision to publish the inaugural issue of ‘Grape Insight’, journal which will cater to both national and international stakeholders. The various initiatives taken in viticulture, will be focused in the journal and several researchable issues will be addressed. It will also enable to form a cohesive network of grape researchers across the research institutes, universities and other stakeholders. Expansion of knowledge sharing system beyond the boundaries is demand of time for sustainability and the journal ‘Grape Insight’ is a confident step in that direction.

I wish the journal success.

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